

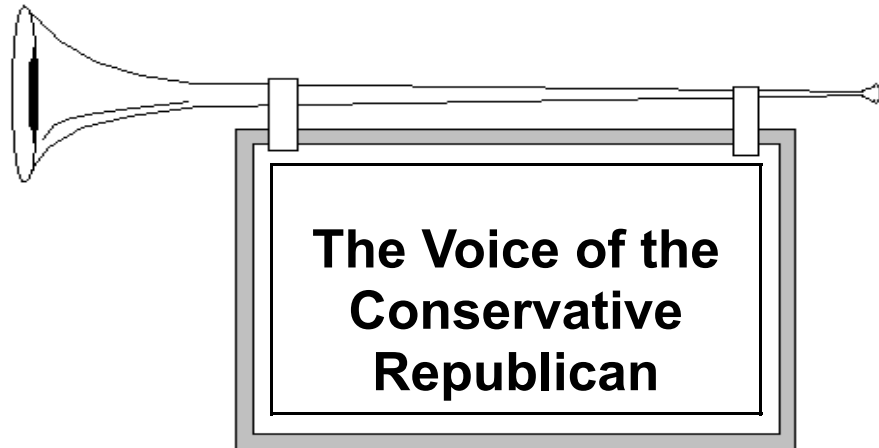
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**For if the  
TRUMPET  
give an  
uncertain  
sound, who  
shall prepare  
himself to the  
battle?**

**1 Cor. 14:8**



Joe Birkett speaks at TAPROOT picnic

## Republicans Should 'Work the City'

"A good candidate and principles are more important than money in a political campaign, said Joe Birkett at TAPROOT'S annual picnic, Aug. 10.

DuPage County's State's Attorney spoke on a sunny, Sunday afternoon at Twin Lakes Park in Westmont, where Senate candidate Chirinjeev Kathuria also dropped in to say a few words.

Birkett went on to explain that his interest in politics came from an interest in justice. After the previous State's Attorney, Jim Ryan became Illinois' Attorney General, Birkett saw a lack of leadership in the office; no one was stepping up.

The office should be about justice, where persons are treated the same. Respect for the rights of all parties is important, for the community, for the defendants—due process, he said.

Concerning his run for Attorney General, Birkett indicated that he did much better than expected against Democrat machine candidate Lisa Madigan. Pundits who claimed that she would (See page 2)



Joe Burkett, States Attorney of DuPage Co., addressed TAPROOTers at their annual picnic in August.

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win by double digits turned out to be wrong since he lost by only 50,000 votes.

However, Birkett emphasized that, "We have to be better about coordinating. We need a vision. We need a plan." When he ran in the primary, Birkett called each county chairman three or four times. Furthermore, he could not rely on the state-wide party for support because of dissention. "We need to share our vision, give something to voters that they can do", he repeated.

Now officially announced as running again for State's Attorney, the candidate called for party unity. The top priority is to re-elect George W. Bush as President. The national Republican Party should pay attention to Illinois. "We're still the state and party of Lincoln," Birkett said.

He went on to skewer the former governor of Illinois, George Ryan. "We were let down," Birkett said, "on gay rights, on capitol punishment. If you can't execute the laws, don't run...The George Ryan era is over. He's in retirement, where he belongs!"

Then Birkett turned his attention to the Democrats, which he called the party of dissention and broken promises. The vote tallies showed that he did well in Chicago where he campaigned walking the precincts. "We have to work the city," he told the assembled Republicans.

During his Chicago campaign, he asked the inner city audiences, "What has your party done for your neighborhood? It still has a high crime rate, shootings and drugs. The biggest jobs in such communities are drug dealing, welfare, and foster."

Birkett restated his support for pro-life, for the unborn and for the victims of drugs and shootings. "Virtue and morality constitute nec-

essary parts of government," he said.

In response to a question from



**Candidate for U.S. Senate Charinjeev Kathuria makes another pitch for support from TAPROOT at its annual picnic.**

the TAPROOTer's, the candidate stated that in general the press has treated him well. But he did run into some conflict with Mike Wallace of the "60 Minutes" television show.

When Wallace interviewed Birkett about his support of the death penalty, he objected to Birkett's answers. "Stop giving me boilerplate answers," Wallace complained. Birkett shot back, "Stop giving me boilerplate questions."

The State's Attorney disclosed that Wallace did not like his answers because he was ready for them. He could read Wallace's notes upside down. The clips with the interviews of relatives of murder victims and with Birkett's interview did not make it to the television screen. **Ω**



**Andy McKenna, candidate for the U.S. Senate, explains his political philosophy at TAPROOT's June meeting.**

# Biggert Opposes Marriage Law

by George Kocan

Judy Biggert, Congressional representative from the 13th CD, has come out against the proposed protection of marriage amendment to the US Constitution.

In May, Representative Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO), introduced HJ Res 56, which limits the definition of marriage to the union of a man and a woman.

In a letter to this writer, Biggert wrote, **"If it is brought to the House floor for a vote, I would be inclined to oppose it. Much as I personally believe in the sanctity of marriage, I suspect an amendment of this nature would hold discrimination—and not marriage—as its real objective."**

I do appreciate that the Biggert stated her opposition to the amendment in forthright and plain language. Thus, she allows the subject to be debated in a serious way. I have my own considerations to throw in.

We do not need a Constitutional amendment to define marriage. We need, perhaps, an amendment to outlaw sodomy and other deviate sexual behavior.

Barring that, perhaps, what would best serve the country is an amendment that would allow the states to do what the US Constitution originally said they could do. That is, each state could determine for itself whether or not to outlaw sodomy.

She suspects that the amendment is intended to protect discrimination against sodomites. Maybe. But, conversely, the homosexual agenda is to grant legal status to homosexual unions and call such a "marriage".

Being a member of Congress and attuned to political trends, Biggert must know that a homosexual "marriage" is an "open" marriage, an arrangement wherein the partners have the freedom to form transitory couplings with whomever is available.

She must also know that the homosexual agenda also demands unfettered access to pornography and the lowering of the age of consent. This exists because of *who homosexual are*; their very nature demands pornography and access to children. To deny them this is unjust discrimination. They have a natural right to the "love" of boys. I didn't make this up. Its in their public statements.

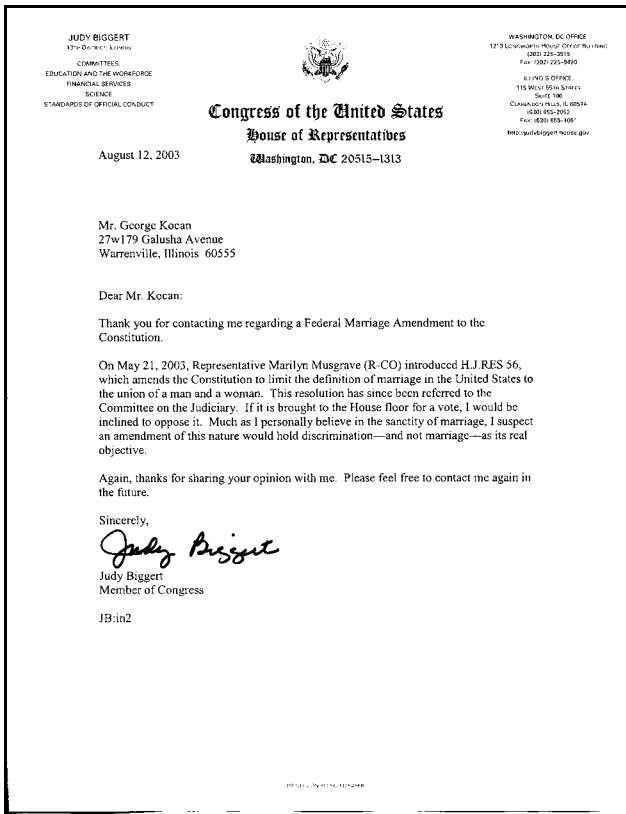
The marriage amendment has taken on great political importance because the Supreme Court ruled that the State of Texas violated the US Constitution by outlawing sodomy. In his decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy made this astonishing statement: *"At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."*

This is a bit of philosophy that could wipe out most of the laws of the US and of the states.

It could very well form the basis for all kinds of marriages, between brother and sister, between two men and two women, between a man and a girl. Who is to say any of these is wrong? And on what basis?



Jack Ryan talks about his platform as U.S. Senate candidate at TAPROOT's monthly breakfast meeting in June.



# Liberals Lie, Cook Books against Guns

by Byrd Parmelee

“THE BIAS AGAINST GUNS - Why Almost Everything You’ve Heard About Gun Control is Wrong” by John R.

## **US Congress Should Protect Constitution, States’ Rights**

by Annette Smith

The U.S. Supreme Court is supposed to interpret if a law is constitutional. It does not have the right to make laws. Only the Congress makes laws. If a bill passes both houses, it then goes to the Executive Branch, the President, for a yes or no vote, or the President can choose to do nothing about the bill and it dies.

Congress constitutionally can tell the Supreme Court what kind of case it can hear. Article III, Section 2, the second paragraph, “...such Exceptions and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make”.

A Federal Marriage Amendment has been introduced in Congress earlier this year. It says marriage consists of one man and one woman and the Courts, both state and federal may not interpret in any other way.

The liberals are likely to oppose it because it keeps the Courts from social engineering, but the Conservatives could oppose it also on grounds of states’ rights as it would not allow any role for the people to have a say in what marriage is. It is hoped the state legislators would not want their hands tied on this issue.

Two thirds of both U.S. Houses have to pass the Amendment and 38 states have to ratify it for it to become law.

Let your D.C. legislators know that you want them to stand up for the U.S. Constitution the swore to uphold! Ω

Lott, Jr. (Bestselling Author of More Guns, Less Crime) \$27.95 Regnery Publishing, Inc. <www.regnery.com> Available in the Glen Ellyn Library

After reading this book, one has a better understanding of what has been done in the USA to reduce crime. The book is full of numbers reporting the results of studies indicating that protecting our families and our lives require know-how as well as tools of the trade.

On page 51, for example, a problem is reported: Jurisdictions (in FBI) do not report data on “justifiable homicide”. The idea: Get data right; evaluate the “homicides” to remove “justifiable” and report two numbers: (1) homicide criminal. (2) justifiable homicides (after court trials, etc.) -- after our Justice system’s evaluation has closed the case.

Reading this book, one learns: (A) “How to arm yourself and your neighbors against Liberals who would rather confiscate your guns than fight crime”. (B) “The clever way reporters and the New York Times ‘spike’ pro-gun facts”. (C) “The tricks government statisticians use to ‘cook’ data for the anti-gun lobby (and how pollsters do the same)”. (D) “The sleight of hand that gun-controllers use to grab your taxpayer dollars for their agenda”. (E) “How to cut crime by giving citizens the right to carry concealed weapons”.

John R. Lott, Jr., is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He has held positions at the University of Chicago, Yale University, Stanford University, UCLA, the Wharton Business School and Rice University. He was the chief economist at the United States Sentencing Commission during 1988 and 1989. Ω

## **Bill Restores Religious Freedom**

Tom Delay, House Minority Leader, and other Republicans have introduced the, “Houses of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act” (HR 235), last January.

The bill amends the Internal Revenue Code, “to protect the religious free exercise and free speech rights of churches and other houses of worship”.

Apparently, places of worship will not lose their 508[C](1)(A) because of any content that might occur in a sermon or homily. On the other hand, the bill does nothing to change the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 which prohibits electioneering and political expenditures by such houses of worship. Ω



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# TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting

Fellow Republicans:

TAPROOT Republicans of Illinois is proud to announce that U.S. Senate candidate General John Borling will speak at its monthly breakfast meeting.

All Republicans are invited to attend! RSVPs are not required. TAPROOT's monthly meetings provide a great opportunity to meet the candidates, to learn more about their positions on the issues, and to ask them questions. Please visit <http://www.illinoisleader.com/news/newsview.asp?c=7128> for an Illinois-Leader.com article on Andy McKenna's and Jack Ryan's presentations at TAPROOT's July 19 meeting. Please visit General Borling's website at [www.borlingforsenate.com](http://www.borlingforsenate.com) for his biography and information about his campaign.

TAPROOT's website is at [www.taprootgop.org](http://www.taprootgop.org). Please do not hesitate to contact me, Dave Diersen, at 630-653-0462 or [diersen@aol.com](mailto:diersen@aol.com) if there are any questions. I hope to see you at the TAPROOT meeting and at Oktoberfest!

**Saturday, September 20, 2003**

8:00 am, the talk starts at 8:30 am

Old Country Buffet, 551 East Roosevelt Rd., Lombard (630-916-8808),  
in the High Point Shopping Center, south side of Roosevelt Rd.,  
about 5 stop-lights west of Route 83.

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# Milton Republicans to Hold Straw Poll at Banquet

The Milton Township Republican Central Committee's (MTRCC) 24th annual Oktoberfest fundraiser will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 10, at the Carlisle Banquet Hall at 435 East Butterfield Road in Lombard. Over 500 are expected to attend.

Six U.S. Senate candidates have confirmed their attendance -- retired U.S. Air Force General John Borling, businessman John Cox, entrepreneur and physician Chirinjeev Kathuria, businessman Andy McKenna, dairy magnate and money manager Jim Oberweis, and investment banker turned inner city teacher Jack Ryan. State Representative Steve Rauschenberger will be represented.

The Rauschenberger campaign has announced that State Senator Chris Lauzen will speak for State Senator Rauschenberger at the Oktoberfest event.

The results of a straw poll will be announced at the close of the event. The results will be very important not only because so many will be voting in the poll, but because the voters will have above average knowledge of the candidates and are likely to vote in the March 16, 2004 Republican primary election. Before voting, participants will have 2 hours to review responses from the candidates to a written questionnaire and to ask them questions. Each candidate will have 3 minutes to address the audience.

Tickets for the event are \$45 or \$400 for a table of ten. Ads in MTRCC's 2003-2004 Directory, which will be available free of charge at the event, range from \$35 to \$250. MTRCC seeks donation of items for the event's live

and silent auctions. Event sponsorship opportunities are available. Republicans interested in attending the event, advertising in the Directory, or donating auction items should contact Oktoberfest Committee Chairman Leonard Sanchez at 847-632-7207 or [Leonard.sanchez@motorola.com](mailto:Leonard.sanchez@motorola.com) or committee members Dave Diersen at 630-653-0462 or [diersen@aol.com](mailto:diersen@aol.com), Tim Whelan at 630-653-0202 or [tpwlaw@msn.com](mailto:tpwlaw@msn.com), or Mark Klage at 630-668-5027 or [klage@xnet.com](mailto:klage@xnet.com).

MTRCC's website is at [www.miltonrepublicans.org](http://www.miltonrepublicans.org). Its monthly meetings are open to all Republicans. The next one is Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30 PM at the Wheaton Bowl, 2031 North Gary Avenue in Wheaton.

For the last 23 years, MTRCC's Oktoberfest has been one of the best attended political events in DuPage County. Almost 400 attended last year. Attendees are typically very active in the Republican Party. Tables, tickets, and/or ads for this year's event have already been purchased by U.S. Senate Candidate Jim Oberweis; Congressman Henry Hyde; State Senator Peter Roskam; State Representatives Randy Hultgren and Jim Meyer; State Representative Candidate Roger Jenisch; DuPage County Board Member Debra Olson, Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom, Circuit Court Clerk Joel Kagann, Coroner Richard Ballinger, Sheriff John Zaruba, Circuit Court Clerk candidate Chris Kachiroubas, and Republican Chairwoman Barbara Murphy; Milton Township Assessor Jim Gumm; and others. Ω

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